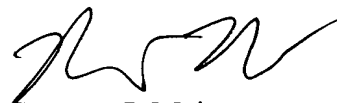


Claims 30-40 are presently active in the case, Claim 1 having been cancelled, and Claims 30-40 added, by way of the present amendment, without what is believed to be the introduction of new matter.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be ready for examination on the merits. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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